

Graduated Sanctions September 21, 2004

Attendance: Jacqueline Berniklau, BEST; Kit Boesch, Human Services; Becky Steiner, Cedars Day Reporting; Scott Carlson, Juvenile Drug Court; Corey Steel, Coordinator Juvenile Expediter Services; T.J. McDowell, Lighthouse/Project HIRE; Ashley Wimes, Lincoln Action Program; LeeAnn Pancharoen, Lincoln Action Program; Linda Alm, CenterPointe; and Amanda Heiderich, Cedars Tracker.

I. Youth in Detention

- There are 68 youth in detention.
- There is a backlog of evaluations.
- OJS is doing all of the evaluations, and there are some glitches in their system.
- Magellan is paying for all of the evaluations.
- There are 27 evaluations in process. Typically there are 7 – 10.
- All youth are getting psych. evaluations.
- The physical is delaying many of the evaluations.
- Drug and alcohol evaluations are being completed on all youth.
- There have been six youth being detained due to BB guns being used. BB guns are being treated as real guns and this is a felony, because they are perceived to be a real gun.
- In August, 37% of the in-takes at the Detention Center were females. This is a significant increase.
- Average age of youth in the Detention Center is 16.

II. New study regarding recidivism

- 52% of the total admits into the Detention Center were for violations of Home Detention, Probation or Electronic Monitor court orders.
- 22% of the above 52% were for new law violations.
- Corey will study those violations to determine if there is a pattern and possible interventions by the Graduated Sanctions.
- Corey studied discharges from all Graduated Sanctions from June – August, 2004. Fewer youth are being detained from the programs. 80% of the youth that did not successfully complete their programming, tested positive for marijuana, cocaine and Meth. The study demonstrated that 65% of the youth referred to Graduated Sanctions successfully complete the program(s). This is up from 40% three years ago.

III. Attendance in Sanctions

- Project Hire – Everything is going well.
- LAP – Youth Act is taking referrals for the new program beginning Oct. 26th. Youth Build is going strong.

Attendance in Sanctions - Continued

- BEST – Is low, but this is normal for this time of year. Doing long range planning and adding drug/alcohol therapy.
- Trackers – Fully staff and full with youth.
- Cedar's is low, as is typical for this time of year.
- Drug Court is very busy.
- ERC – Has 1-2 slots available.

IV. Other

- Kit share that JAIBG funding will be going from \$230,000 to \$47,000. JAIBG funds most of the Graduated Sanctions programs.
- Kit and Corey strongly urged all programs to seek alternative funding and grants.
- Youth participation in culturally diverse activities was discussed. The Public Policy Center is a great source for upcoming activities.
- Quarterly reports will be due soon, utilizing the Uniform Evaluation Terminology booklet.
- The next meeting will be October 19th at 8:30.